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Probe of Societ Penetration Of GAO Urged by Sen. Roth

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A Senate Intelligence Committee investigation into alleged Soviet penetration of the General Accounting Office was urged by Sen. William V. Roth Jr. (R-Del.).

An aide said Roth asked for the investigation after a probe by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee he chairs "ran up against a wall" in getting FBI cooperation because its staff members do not have security clearances. Intelligence Committee investigators do, the aide said.

CBS News said yesterday that a GAO-FBI investigation indicated that a Soviet naval attache, Vladimir Kvasov, was helped by a source at GAO.

Sen. Orin G. Hatch (R-Utah) said Kvasov, further identified by CBS as a KGB agent, obtained at least five classified or secret reports, including documents on weapons systems and the readiness of U.S. military forces.

Kvasov visited the agency in January, 1979, and requested copies of classified documents that had not yet been printed. That request prompted GAO to re-examine security procedures.

Kvasov is no longer posted in Washington.

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